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FOR: DEVICE FOR ATOMIZING AND GRANULATING
LIQUID SLAGS

EXAMINER: ANDREWS, MELVYN J.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Response is being filed with a Petition for Revival of this unintentionally abandoned application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b), with authorization to charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m) and three-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) to our deposit account in accordance with the enclosed fee transmittal form.

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on May 12, 2003, wherein the Examiner:

1. Objected to the claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.126 based on claim numbering, and renumbered the claims.

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2. Rejected claims 12-38 (as renumbered) under 35 USC §112.
3. Rejected claims 12, 14, and 21-31 (as renumbered) under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Edlinger, U.S. Patent No. 6,318,123 in view of Wessel, U.S. Patent No. 3,891,730.
4. Found claims 13, 15-20, and 32-38 to be allowable, if they are rewritten to be independent of any rejected base or intervening claims, and to overcome the rejections under Section 112.

In response, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.